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DAILY BRIEF

Congo: Prime Minister Adoula resigned yesterday, as was required when the legal mandate of his government expired on 30 June.

President Kasavubu, however, asked Prime Minister Adoula to stay in office until the two-week constitutional referendum is completed. The constitutional status of his government now is cloudy.

Adoula's resignation, even though pro forma, has provoked a new spate of rumors that Tshombé is to be named premier. There is as yet no hard information that Kasavubu has decided against renaming Adoula after the referendum, but support for Tshombé appears to be growing. It now seems highly probable that the former Katangan leader will be offered a post in a new government even if he is not named premier. Whether he would accept a lesser position, however, is problematical.

At the moment, Tshombé is trying to assume the lead role in organizing a government of "national reconciliation." He is meeting with politicians of all stripes, including members of the exiled Committee of National Liberation, which he has said should be represented.

Tshombé's bargaining position is strong. Southern Katanga, richest area of the Congo and the source of most of the government's revenue, still supports him, and there is little doubt that he could re-establish himself there if he chose.

All UN combat troops have left the country, as scheduled.

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British Guiana: [Premier Jagan is making a new attempt to obtain US and Commonwealth support for his program to straighten out the colony's increasingly chaotic affairs.]

[Discussing the recent racial violence in a talk with the US consul general last week end, Jagan admitted that he could not control some of his followers. The situation, he said, had reached the point where there can be only one of three possible outcomes: a coalition government, partition, or civil war.]

[Jagan plugged hard for a coalition government composed of his predominantly East Indian Peoples' Progressive Party and Forbes Burnham's Negro-supported Peoples' National Congress. Desperately anxious for US support for this scheme, he is thinking of sending a high-level emissary to Washington to discuss the matter.]

[Jagan said he was willing to consider giving up his demand to postpone the elections, tentatively set for later this year--a basic shift which would bring his minimum coalition proposals close to those [] suggested by Burnham. However, Jagan told the governor on the same day that he was reluctant to meet Burnham's demands fully. Jagan told him that he required a three-year coalition, whereas Burnham wants a coalition only until the elections.]

[Jagan has also sent letters to all the prime ministers who will be attending the Commonwealth conference in London next week requesting that they come up with some sort of "Commonwealth Compromise." He suggested that they might endorse a plan calling for a PPP-PNC coalition, postponement of elections, and the establishment of a UN presence until the colony is granted its independence.]

[The Commonwealth meeting may also be asked to consider Trinidad's proposal that British Guiana become a temporary trust territory of the United Nations.]

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NOTES

Italy: President Segni may wait until after the Socialists hold their central committee meeting this weekend before nominating a premier-designate charged with reconstituting a center-left government. The failure of the Christian Democrats to endorse Moro to succeed himself suggests that elements in his own party are trying to block the type of government he personifies. Both the Socialists and the Christian Democrats will need time to explore the limits within which they can maneuver to reach agreement on a new program.

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Portugal - Communist China: Negotiations leading to Portugal's recognition of Communist China may be approaching their final stages. The chief inspector of the Portuguese Army Ministry, currently in Macao, told the British consular official there that he will go to Peiping in August "in connection with" the recognition of China. He also stated that negotiations on this question are presently under way "elsewhere."

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Hungary: Hungary has shown sensitivity to President Johnson's Lexington speech calling for efforts to "bridge the gap" between the US and Eastern Europe. In a major foreign policy address on 24 June, Deputy Premier Kallai said that "the path to normalization of Hungarian-American relations has been opened and we welcome this trend." He reaffirmed, however, Hungary's determination to maintain close ties with the USSR and made it clear that the regime would not allow expansion of relations with the US to stir up sentiment for "national independence."

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